

Decatur, Illinois,  
March 21, 1893

Dr. J. W. McMill,  
1127 Pine Street,  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Dear Mr. McMill:

Your letter of the 17th inst. arrived this a.m., in re the  
Postoffice of Millpoint, W. Va., originally "Cacoby town", and some  
inquiry concerning the "Cacoby Family".

You seem to have settled at least the time that "Millpoint,  
W. Va." (now W. Va.) became a "U. S. Post office" - however, the name of the  
place could have been changed earlier than the date the P.O. was established.

I have a copy of a letter written on Feb. 6, 1893 by "Dr.  
Charles Knatch", Mayesville, Ky. to "Mr. H. Cacoby" of Hanceville, W. Va.  
(This Mr. H. is the son of Valentine Cacoby Sr. - not the "Mr. H. of new Millpoint"),  
in which he was seeking info. about the Cacoby family - and his letter  
contained the following paragraph = "I've lost a battle skirmish in Va.  
I find the name 'Cacoby town'. I could not find such a Postoffice - where  
is it? I think Mr. Cacoby speaks of the place where at Gettysburg." =

Of course, this has reference to "Civil War Skirmishes", and this  
would be thirty years after the date the U. S. Post. Records show that the  
town was Millpoint. (1865 - but 1835 - 30 years) However, between 1865 and  
1865 the residents and the Civil War Soldiers and correspondents, evidently  
still called the little village "Cacoby town". The above listed 1893  
letter was where I conceived the idea that "Cacoby town" did not  
become "Millpoint" until the latter part of the Civil War, or later.

The above named "Dr. Charles Knatch" was of the 47th Regiment,  
a son of (w) Joseph (now) and Elizabeth (Turner) Kn., and he a son of (w) Elias  
(now) Knatchy Sr., a son of "Jacob Knatchy Sr. (1701-1788), W. Va. Gen. No. 1.

You ask the privilege to look over my "Cacoby" data at  
your place - and that "Bill" Cacoby may have given me much of  
this material.

"Bill" had sent me no data, until a letter came  
on Feb. 2nd - in which he sent "Info. for his Branch, his parents,  
grandparents, and great grand parents (Gen. No. 3) - of Levi (now) Sr. and  
Mary (now) (Knatchy) Cacoby. He sent no data, not even names,  
for his grandfathers (w) John (now) Sr. and 2 Sisters."

While that you are compiling a "History of the 'McMillan'  
family", I am wondering how far back you go in your record  
the "Cacoby Family" - I am sure by the "Cacoby" - if you  
have a long the long spelling of the original family name of "Cacoby";  
however - "Cacoby" & "Cacoby".

Again I forget to tell you I want to have look over my  
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Dear Mr. McMill:

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Postoffice of Millpoint, W. Va., originally "Cackleytown", and some  
inquiry concerning the "Cackley Family".

You seem to have settled at least the time that "Millpoint,  
Wing" (now W. Va.) became a "U. S. Post office" - known; the name of the  
town could have been changed earlier than the date the P.O. was established.

I have a copy of a letter written on Feb. 6-1893 by "Dr.  
Charles Wackley", Meyersville, Ky. to "Wm. H. Cackley" of Hanceville, W. Va.,  
(this Wm. H. the son of Valentine Cackley Jr. - not the "Wm. H. C." of near Millpoint),  
in which he was seeking info. about the Wing Cackleys - and his letter  
contained the following paragraph = "I saw a list of battle skirmishes in Va.

I find the name "Cackleytown". I could not find such a Postoffice - where  
is it? I think Wm. Cackley spoke of the place when at Father's."

Of course, this has reference to "Civil War Skirmishes", and this  
would be thirty years after the date the U. S. Dept. Records show that the  
town was Millpoint. (1865 - but 1838 - 30 years) However, between 1862 and  
1865 the residents and the Civil War soldiers and correspondents, initially  
still called the little village "Cackleytown". The above listed 1893  
letter was where I conceived the idea that "Cackleytown" did not  
become "Millpoint" until the latter part of the Civil War, or later.

The above named "Dr. Charles Wackley" was of the 4th Generation,  
a son of (w) Joseph (now) and Elizabeth (Turner) W., and he a son of (w) Elias  
(now) Wackley Sr., a son of "Jacob Wackley Sr. (1701-1788), W. Va. Gen. No. 1.

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some time - and that "Bill" Cackley may have given me much of  
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for his grandfathers (Wm. James B.) Beckers and 2 Sisters.

While that you are compiling a History of the "McMillan  
family", I am wondering how far back you may have gone about  
the original "Cackley" descent - who come to the "Palatine" - and if you  
are at all the three specimens of the original family names of "Cackley",  
namely - Beckers, Beckers & Cackley?

Again I forget - you are inclined to come back now my  
town

"Kecaley Family History Data", at any time it may suit your convenience - however - I wish to state that my "Cecaley Branches" data is limited, as I usually have contacted none of the "Cecaley Branches" - I saw only "Bill" in a rather peculiar manner. I wrote the Area of Commerce at Millport, that then knowing it was such a small village - my letter was sent to the "Prison Camp" - then relayed to "W.H. Cecaley" of the "Iron Caves Farm" - and he replied - my inquiry concerned the date that "Cecaley" became "Millport" - and "Bill" did not know.

I will explain a little more about the "Kecaley F. History" processing of data - It looks like we will not be "compiling" for 70 or 80 years yet. There are at present 3 Historians, and a General Genealogist - so engaged. I have been working on this History for only about 5 1/2 years. The "Gen. Genealogist", about 8 years - at present we have "catalogued" probably over 9,000 ancestors & descendants - I alone - have added over 4,000 in my 5 1/2 years, or about 1/3 of our total.

I put in about 3 years on the "Kecaley" Book Only, and while doing so - ran into a "Kecaley" out in Nebraska, who - in 1865 went into "Court" in Attumora, Iowa, and legally changed his last name to "Kecaley" - and at that time he had children, ranging in age from 6 to 22 years - and they all became "Kecaley's" without any legal procedure except his oldest son who applied with his father. This incident - threw me into "processing" "Kecaley" Branches - before I was ready to do so - therefore, for the past 2 years - I have been "processing" "Kecaley" Branches.

Our "Gen. Genealogist" - Mr. Finley B. Campbell of Pleasant City, Ohio - has been "processing" many "Cecaley" Branches, therefore, he has more "Cecaley" detail data than we other 3 "Historians" - though - we all do know about what more work of we are doing.

I have, I would roughly say - probably 300 "Cecaley" names. Beginning with Gen. No. 1 of "Valentine and Henry (Jr.) Cecaley" and their 6 sons & 11 daughters - he was only - no dates - in the 2nd line. I have a few dates - but from the 18th Gen. onward are some of the data. I do have both names and dates. Mr. Campbell, I am sure has much more "Cecaley" data than I have seen here. In your "Historians" searched for some 8 years to finally find out the correct names have in the "Cecaley" was working - but we still have not located the leading record of the 18th Gen.

17th Gen. - and had found in 1861 - but the names of the 18th Gen.

"Keeley Family History Data", at any time it may suit your convenience - however - I wish to state that my "Cackley Branches" data is limited, as I generally have collected none of the "Cackley Branches" - I saw only "Bill" in a rather peculiar manner. I wrote the Area of Commerce at Millport, that there was no such a small village - my letter was sent to the "Prison Camp" - then relayed to "Wm H. Cackley" of the "Iron and Steel Firm" - and he replied - my inquiry concerned the date that "Cackleytown" became "Millport" - and "Bill" did not know.

I will explain a little more about the "Keeley F. History" processing of data - It looks like we will not be "compiling" for 20 or 30 years yet. There are at present 3 Historians, and a General Genealogist - so engaged - I have been working on this "History" for only about 5 1/2 years. The "Genl. Genealogist", about 8 years - at present we have "catalogued" probably over 9,000 American & descendants - I alone - have added over 4,000 in my 5 1/2 years, or almost 1/2 of our totals.

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A distant relative of "Chas. B. Johnson" - "Mrs. H. E. Collins" (born 6) Johna See Ab. 6) Master (Ka) Go 8 now YEST, and others = the Gen. No. 6 - was 6 B. Johnson's "Sister". For hi to use his "THOAY" - and she actually believed the "Caguelins". WERE our original ancestors. I will relate more of "Mrs. H. E. Collins" later on.

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From about "Mrs. H. E. Collins" - She was not what I would call a "Whitewash" - but she was something for an ancestor to be a "New York Soldier" - Yes - She could become a "D.D.H." - He lived here - "Hillsburg" - "Whitewash" - "Fairbury" - "Barren" (2000) and "Cackin". She lived about 1800 - 1865 a "New York Soldier" in that she could not

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Here, a beautiful "Mrs. M. E. Collins" - She was not what I  
would call a "Whitewasher" - but - she was searching for an  
ancestral reference a "New York Soldier" - In - She could become  
a "D. H. C." - She traced down - "Anchorage" - "Whitewasher" - "Doubtful"  
- "Barren" - "Widow" and "Collins". She was a black judge  
"gathering up" - Was a "New York Soldier" - But she could not



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And Cemetery, Locust Grove Ark. West of Mount Vernon, on State  
Route No. 600.

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ { B. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1717, j. D. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1805 In Fredericks Co., VIRG.  
Died. In St. Louis, Missouri.

(1) Isabel (Name) Kharney <sup>St</sup> 12-7-30-1744, Kharney Co. Tenn. D-473-1873, Grimes Co.  
 Miss - Ohio - near in Noble Co., 2 miles So. East of Pleasant City, Grimes Co. Ohio.  
 Expires March 1941. He Had 3 Sons & 5 Daughters - most of them lived in Grimes Co. Ohio.

(7) William Lewis Cary <sup>3P</sup>  
 No Birth or Death Dates - born "Mary (Nore) Frye" of Cedar Springs, Va.  
 formerly a Dir. of the Knox Brothers' Auction & Sales Frye of  
Frederick Co. Md., son of Geo. Frye & Benjamin Frye (died in Exile in 1753).  
 This Frye family came from Montgomery Co. Penn in about 1733 and stayed  
 on "Cedar Creek". In about 1753 Valentine Co. Md., migrated to  
What is Now Frederick Co. Md., to this time has Georgetown Co.  
 He stayed at What is now "Millsport, Tenn.", where he established  
 as "Caryville Tenn.". Here he built a modern mill for tanning;  
 produced a brandy; started a tin hammer and a general store.  
 He also promoted & encouraged other useful industries in this  
 section. His grandson is Yates Landon Cary. He has 6 sons & 11 grand.

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Roanoke Valley and settled in what is now Frederick County.  
 Here he secured approx. 2,000 acres of land and operated a  
 "Plantation" for about 47 years, or until his death in 1788.  
 Have you ever learned where this plantation was located?

GEN. NO. 1 = KECKLEY FAMILY HISTORY =

Jacob (and KECKLEY) SR. B. <sup>1701</sup> ~~1700~~ IN STAMHEIM, WURTEMBERG, GERMANY.  
 D. FEB 16-1788 IN FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRG.  
 BRO. FEB. 19-1788 IN OLOFURVACK Cemetery, Next St. John's Church  
 AND Cemetery, Locust Grove Sta. West of Mount Vernon, on State  
 Route No. 600.  
 Neph. - About 1740 IN LANCASTER Co. Penn., NE BELGIE -- To --  
 Alice B. - 1717; D. - 1805 IN BROODICK Co., VIRG.  
 BRO. IN St. John's Cemetery.

= CHILDREN =

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 He Was A P. R. Soldier. Born in C. G. R. Cemetery S.E. of Pleasant City, Ohio.  
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 INHERITED THE HOME Plantation IN 1788, DIED INTESTATE ONLY  
 4 Years Later. Estate Evidently Handled By Their MARGARET,  
 As No RECORDS CAN BE FOUND.

(3) George (None) KECKLEY SR. NO BIRTH OR DEATH DATA - Neph. "MARY (None) FRYE" OF PLEASANT SPRING, VA.,  
 EVIDENTLY A DIR. OF THE EARLY PIONEERS "ABRAHAM & HENRY FRYE" OF  
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 This FRYE Family Came From MONTGOMERY Co., Penn. IN ABOUT 1736 AND SETTLED  
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 He Settled At WHAT IS NOW "MILLPOINT, W. Va.", WHICH HE ESTABLISHED  
 AS "CARMEL TOWN". HERE HE BUILT A MODERN MILL FOR TANNING;  
 PRODUCED A "TANNIN"; STARTED A "TWO-HARMONY" AND A "TANNIN STAKE".  
 He Also PROMOTED & ENDOURED OTHER USEFUL INDUSTRIES IN THAT  
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 His Entire Life. Neph. "CATHARINE", EVIDENTLY His  
 FAVORITE DAUGHTER. They Had 3 Sons & 1 Daughter, One Son "CATHARINE"  
 DIED IN HIS YOUTH. Their Sons & Daughters, Numerous In Virg.,  
 And In Other States. One Son & 2 Daughters. The  
 Grandchildren Came To GUERNSEY Co., Ohio To Live. 8 (1) Jacob &  
 Samuel. To Live. To Live. To Live. To Live. To Live. To Live. To Live. To Live.







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Salisbury Co. & wife to near Blessington, McKean Co. Ill., where  
they settled on a farm - Chas. had 7 sons & 8 daughters - (1) John Harker,  
Ch. my father - (1860-1919) m. 1881. "GYNSEA FREDERICA WHITE" (last  
Chas. name - if you know) in McKean Co. Ill. (1866. Still living first in McKean,  
age - first 31 years) - Chas. had 1 son & 1 da. - (1) D. V. Harker KERRY, the  
writer - b. 1-18-1886, m. 6-16-1917 Harker, Ill., "Amy Harker Sims"  
b. 8-13-1890 Jasper Co. Ill. - Still living - No children. The wife a  
"Severe Distortion" - blind Chas. Nov. 1949 - Left side affected - Sittin  
in a "wheel-chair", and will be the balance of her days there.

"Public Records" in the Virginians are scarce articles - Some due to  
the ravages of three wars - "Rev. 1814 and Civil". First marriage records  
in Frederick Co. Va. in 1784 - too late to "catch" any of the 7 children  
of Gen. No. 1 of Jacob Co. S.C. Deaths 1784 or 86 yrs. later - Births  
1896 or 114 yrs. later than marriage.

I am wondering if you have heard about the two books on W. Va.  
Land Grants, Assessments etc. that has recently been published by the  
State Auditor "Edgar B. Sims". One the "Mapping of a State" 9x12 printed  
in 12 pt type, bound in blue veined Buckram - 713 pages - covering items  
from 1733 to 1955. Copies of Land Grants to Geo. Washington, a few of his officers  
and soldiers, and other individuals by the "Crown of England" and the  
Commonwealth of Virginia, and parts thereof - Price 35.00 per copy.

The other book is the "Sims index to Land Grants in W. Virginia",  
of 842 pages of 50,000 names of persons to whom grants were made  
in the territory now W. Va., some of which date back to 1746. Price  
20.00 per copy.

I learned of the above books when I bought a modern  
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is some detail data. See Ch. 3. 2. 5.

1837-1900) in 1856, Fickling Co. Ohio, he and "Amy (name) Harker" (1839-1900) that fall they migrated via "Covered Wagon", with a horse & 6 men. Columbus Co. & wife to near Bloomington, Indiana Co. Ill., where they settled on a farm - they had 7 sons & 6 daughters - (1) John Harker, Jr. - my father - (1860-1917) died 1894. "CYNTHIA FREDERICA WHITE" (but check name - if you can) in McLean Co. Ill. (1866 - still living but in Kenton, age - past 71 years) - they had 1 son & 1 daughter - (1) Dr. Victor Harker, the writer - b. 1-18-1886, died 6-16-1917 Winchester, Ind., "Amy Harker Sims" b. 8-13-1890 Jasper Co. Ill. - still living - no children. The wife a "Scotch-Irish" - blind blind Nov. 1944 - left side affected - still in a "wheel-chair", and will be the balance of her days there.

"Public Records" in the Virginias are scarce articles - some due to the ravages of these wars - "Hank, 1814 and 1815". First marriage records in Frederick Co. Va in 1784 - too late to catch any of the 7 children of Gen. No. 1 of Jacob Co. S.R. Deaths 1782 or 86 yrs. later - Births 1896 or 114 yrs later than marriage.

I am wondering if you have heard about the two books on W. Va. Land Grants, Assessments etc. that has recently been published by the State Auditor "Edgar B. Sims". One the "Mapping of a State" 9x12" printed in 12 pt type, bound in blue veined Buckram - 713 pages - covering items from 1733 to 1955. Copies of Land Grants to Geo. Washington, a few of his officers and soldiers, and other individuals by the "Crown of England" and the Commonwealth of Virginia, and parts thereof - Price \$5.00 per copy.

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in 1801, but the area in which these persons appear to have owned land  
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Telephone Directories. A copy of the "Valentine Kechley" land Grant can  
be made for you at a price of \$1.50. Signed - Edgar B. Sims - State Auditor.

The above info. about the land assessed to "Abraham Ka"  
was exactly what I was seeking - and - that info. came from NORMAN.  
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died on his farm which adjoined Dr. C. Ka's father's (Joseph Ka.) at  
near Capon Bridge, Va. (now W. Va.) - this death was on 6-15-1849. The main  
reason for my present interest in "Abraham Ka's Family" is - that  
we now suspicion our "John Kechley (1800-72)" of Licking Co., Ohio  
may be a son of this (i) "Abraham Kechley", the son of "Elias Ka. Sr."  
In my detail to map of Hampshire Co., I locate the Stream -  
"Branch of Mill Branch", just to the N.E. of Capon Bridge, and on the  
west slopes of "Lumber Ridge" - a continuation of the "Big or  
Great North Mountain Range."

Next - viz. "Chase" I go to secure a "Sims" in Charleston W. Va. to  
search the U.S. Census Records of "Blooming, Ironside" near the "Brins  
of Mill Creek Branch" for the years of 1810 and 1820 of the "Abraham &  
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the 1810 Census house and in some by the time the 1820 Census was taken.  
Let "Abraham Ka." be the son "Tony" whose age shows he must  
be born in 1802 - say, "problem" will seem to be "Sims".

Of course, you know how difficult it is to secure info. for  
research content (comparisons), especially 100 years back, as only  
a few "houses" will get the Census Name of the State Dept. of Health  
& Census detail data for the 1810-1820 - and if you think they  
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search the U.S. Census Records of "Blooming Iron Works" near the "Prains  
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be born in 1802 - says "problem" will seem to be "Jones".

Of course, you know how difficult it is to secure info. by  
remote control (correspondence), especially now when there is only  
a few "humans" still left the Great Name of the White People of the South  
to secure detail data for the "History" - and - if you think they  
can "document" it to 1800 from, they don't want into many "documents"  
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of dollars -- but if you try to make too many "personal calls" you may, like many former historians, become a "Public Enemy" at from \$14.00 to \$16.00 per hour also soon become quite expensive.

Mr. Joseph Hall's note. "Mr. William H. Kackley" of Byramville, Conn. inserted 68 in one, which produced the following item taken from "Rev. Christian Streit's Diary": "FEB. 18-1788 - BURIED AT OLD FURNACE, JACOB KECKLEY, AGED 86 YEARS, FROM STAMFORD, HARTFORD. TEXT REV. 14:13"

We have known of this "Rev. C. Streit" the Lutheran Church Minister at Windstar from July 19, 1785 to 1814 - as his name appears on many of the Keckley & Kackley Boys & Girls Marriage Records of that Era; and we had utmost confidence in him and his records, therefore, we feel the above "Bury Entry" is as authentic as any "Public Record". All of Jacob Keckley's sons, except Benjamin - and his wife "Alet" WERE living when he was buried on Feb. 18-1788 - therefore, he could not have been his son's son and "Diary" - direct from the family, so, it MUST BE AUTHENTIC.

The above entry to me seemed curious for "Jacob Ke. Sr.", namely, (1) his approx. Birthyear, exact date, nationality - and above all that his original home here in the Colonies WAS "KECKLEY", which I have contended for the past 5 years, although in his will the "man" spelled it "Kackley" - which "just" signed with "his mark". He could not sign his own name - then - he evidently could not read either, or, he could not determine that his name WAS INCORRECTLY SPOelled.

In re - your Original Ancestor's name - I imagine that you may have discovered by now that it was "McKIE" - German - and pronounced as "Mc Koon" or "Mc Kain". And the Spelling became changed by the pronunciation, the same as the "Keckley name".

In further reference to the "Rev. Streit Diary Entry" - I feel that this entry would disclose many things that the Connecticut & Hampshire County Church Records did not yet show - and that it would be foolish to pass this "Prop. Genealogist" off as being true in suspicious and "other" might be found in it - so, why not try to locate that "Diary".

So, I made the present Minister of the Windstar Lutheran Church, and learned that the Church Minutes had published in 1904 a book entitled "The History", which included the "Rev. Streit Diary" (supposed) published as 6400 per copy. So, I sent check and got a reply within a week. The "Diary" covered 48 pages - but began

of Holland - but if you try to make too many "Personal Calls" you may, like many former historians, become a "Public Clerk". (as you may see in the "Public Genealogy" at from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per hour also soon become quite expensive.

Mr. Campbell's next. "Mr. William H. Kackley" of Byramville, his daughter \$8.00 in one, which produced the following item taken from "Rev. Christian Streit's" Diary: "FEB. 13-1788 - BURIED AT OLD FURNACE, JACOB KECKLEY, AGED 86 YEARS, FROM STAM HEIM, HORTTEMBERG. TEXT REV. 14:13".

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The above entry to me settled 4 items for "Jacob Ke. Sr.", namely, (1) his approx. Birthyear, (2) death date, (3) nationality - and above all that his original home here in the Colonies WAS "KECKLEY", which I have contended for the past 5 years, although in his will the "name" spelled it "Kackley" - which "Jacob" signed with "his mark". If he could not sign his own name - then - he evidently could not read either, so, he could not determine that his name WAS INCORRECTLY SPOelled.

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In further reference to the "Rev. Streit Diary Entry" - I feel that this "Diary" would disclose many items that the Hinkley & Hinkley County Church Records did not yet show - and that it would be foolish to pay this "Public Genealogist" \$10.00 any time we suspicious and "them" might be found in it - so, why not try to locate that "Diary".

So, I wrote the pastor, Minister of the Hinkley Lutheran Church, and learned that the Church Trustees had published in 1954 a book entitled "The Hinkley", which included the "Rev. Streit Diary" (supposedly) obtainable at \$10.00 per copy. So, I sent check and got a book without a mark. The "Diary" covered 23 pages - but began



Nov. 19-1785, and ended abruptly on Nov. 28-1786 - Not even completing the year 1786 - a coverage of about 3 1/2 years ONLY. Very disappointing, as I anticipated "Diaries" covering possibly 40 or 50 years. Only two "Keeley" items appeared, namely, the burial of Jacob Sr., and the election on Dec. 15-1787 of "Eddie Keeley" as a Reformed Deacon of the "Old Sumner Church". Two other "Keeley" names appeared in the 396 page Book, namely, "Harry B." as Elder 1782-85 and Financial Secy. 1915 - at Winchester, and "Frank" as a confirmed member in the Dec 31-1953 listing.

And during the 3 1/2 years of the "Diary" Rev. Street gave 386 Sermons, 109 Testimonies, 163 Confirmations, had 157 Marriages, 843 Funerals. But not a Single Marriage of a "Keeley or a Kackley". He also preached at many other Lutheran Churches in that Section - also 3 times at Phila., Penn., one at Lancaster, Penn., Haguenau, Md. & Simsbury. These trips were all made on "hurdles" - took one week to ride to Phila., or two weeks per journey. He came to Lancaster Penn. "Rev. G. Street" died in Winchester on 3-10-1814. Served there 1785-1794 & 1804-1814 18 years, and at Millstown Nov. 1785-1803 as 9 years - a total of 27 years in "The Valley of Virginia". He died at age of 67 years 9 mos. & 3 days. If you are a "Lutheran" - the book "This Heritage" would be very interesting to you, as it covers the founding of the Lutheran Churches in Virginia.

If you are interested in W. Virg., write "Edgar B. Siders" State Auditor W. Virg., Charleston, W. Va., for a copy of his Circular on his "Diary" - and copies of the "Map of present W. Va. as of 1793 - and as of 1780", which will give you an excellent idea of the Sections you were serving, and for which you may obtain a very detail Map of Pocahontas Co. W. Va., which shows all farm residences.

Since Auditor Siders last name is the same as my wife's maiden name - I am "playing a few cards" with him - for some additional info. in "Hampshire County", because, the records at Romney now date back to only 1866 - previous destroyed during "Civil War" - He seems very accommodating - so - to furnish the Setts of his "Diary" - I may get some "extra favors".

I have not yet asked "Bill" to pinpoint the two Mills built by Daniel Boone, Sr. - Are they on the Small Stream that flows thru that forest and empties into the "Green River" about 1/2 mile away, or are the Green River? I have assumed that neither are now being operated. The detail Co. long published by the State House "Small Mills" but the Green Mills is a "Lost and Forgotten" as shown on "Millpoint", also a minor listing of two mills, and one horse power - and nearby 2 farm houses and one horse house. "Bill" lists the population 23 1/2 persons.

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Research - on a list of 10 Children - there are a few that "leave" giving their birth data - and - when other Persons No. 7 give these data - you are forced to seek "Public Records" - and if not convenient to view, you must buy them, which soon runs into many dollar extra expense.

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Next "Historians" take what is about them, and leave the "Stirling Branch go - but that means a very fast "J. H. Hinton" - so, I make every effort possible to complete every Branch 100% - IF they do not take too much money to complete.

By the way - can you furnish me the names and address of any of the descendants of - (a) Joseph & Susan (McClure) Co. and (b) Benjamin & Fanny (McKeown) Co. who migrated to Jackson Co. Ohio? - We have been unable to locate any of these Branches.

I also note your query "Thomas Hill's wife as Ann Cacoley - we have her recorded as Andi". Are we WRONG?

I also note the name var. of "Maria Belle CACOLEY", 1315 East 6200 Union, Thos. City, Mo. - have never written her - where does she live in the Cacoley line?

In response to the above 3 Questions, I would like to reply to the first & second, who is processing the "Cacoley Branches". Now, I must confess that the editor has run into a "book" wherein, I only intended to write 7 or 8 pages - so - I must beg your excuse. Probably much of this "History & Research" data will be of interest to you too much - by the way, while I was writing, I thought you would be interested in the "Irish Immigration", so as to build up to your Research "O. H. Hinton (now) Cacoley Co.".

The Campbell is a former "Index of the Irish", and about 1000

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have been unable to locate any of these branches.

Also note your grand "Thomas Hill's" wife as Ann Packley -  
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I also have the name and address of "MILLA BELLE CACKLEY", 1315 East  
6200 Grand, Kansas City, Mo. - have never written her - where does she  
"fit" in the Packley line?

The answers to the above 3 questions, I would like to "bring"  
to the "Friday B. Campbell", who is processing the "Packley Branches".

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you must be interested in the "F. History", so as to build up to  
some "Records" of "Talented (near) Cackley, S.C."

The Campbell is a former "Judge of the Peace", and still



does considerable "Federal and Ohio State Income Tax work" at his home - and now is his busy season. So, if you write him it might be a little time before you hear from him - so - do not despair. And, in the meantime - if you would like to lean over my data - almost any time will be suitable - as I put in about 10 hours daily on this F. History work - letters come in almost daily from the hundreds of contacts I am making - but - you better give me a few days advance notice, as well in a great while we are away from home. Our over-night accommodations are usually not too good, as we rent out all spare rooms to make room, but, of course, now and then we do have a "vacancy", where we can accommodate you - for seas and bring the "this", and the and the wife can "catch" while you & I do the history work.

So, with this, I will bring this lengthy letter to a close, write when it may be convenient - and if you have any questions - fire them to me - and I will do my best to answer them.

Very truly yours,

H. Earl Kessler,  
938 - West Wood St.,  
Decatur, Illinois

(Call No. 1632)

(Reading time 1 hr)

P.S. -

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(Letter No. 1634.)

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H. E.

Decatur, Illinois  
March 24, 1957

Dr. John O. McNeel  
1127 Pine Street  
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Dr. McNeel:  
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s/ D. Earl Keckley  
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